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Application Number	09/917,099
Filing Date	July 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Norio OKU
Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	Jeanne A. DiGrazio
Attorney Docket Number	81784.0240

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☒ Other: Additional claims fees (\$162.00). 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
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- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$420.00 for 2-months Extension Of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) is enclosed.
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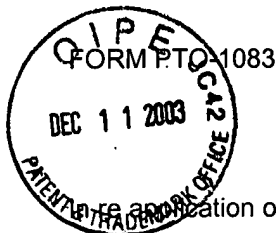
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Application of:

Norio OKU et al.

Serial No: 09/917,099

Filed: July 26, 2001

For: METHOD OF CURING SEAL IN LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY PANEL

Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: J.A. DiGrazio

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ A certified copy of \_\_ Patent Application No. \_\_ filed \_\_ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,  
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Confirmation No.: 9770  
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LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and responsive to the Final Office Action of July 9, 2003, the period for response to which is being extended from October 9, 2003 to December 9, 2003 by the accompanying Petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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